

Testimony Regarding HB2250
By Marc Galbraith, State Employee Association of Kansas

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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this morning. My name is Marc Galbraith. I am a member of the board of the State Employee Association of Kansas (SEAK). We represent active and retired state employees. We are also a member of the Kansas Coalition of Public Retirees.

SEAK supports approval of this bill.

We also support and stand by what previous proponents have presented this morning relative to the merits of HB2250.

- We believe a cost of living adjustment for KPERS retirees is long overdue.
- We also believe the need for this benefit increase is clear. For some retirees, the need it is desperately clear.
- The requested benefit increase is modest. Furthermore, the greatest portion of the benefit increase would go to those who need it the most.
- We also think it is worth restating that the increased benefit would be quickly returned to the Kansas economy.

We encourage your support for more than 84,000 Kansans who served all the people of our state as public employees.